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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 3, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.